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	Art Unit	1754
	Examiner Name	MEDINA-SANABRIA
	Attorney Docket Number	SD-8355

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Examiner Mediana-Sanabria:

The attached Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) to withdraw an application from issue, BEFORE the payment of the issue fee, for the purposes of considering information contained within an information disclosure statement.

On November 20, 2003, a First Action on the merits was mailed to the Applicants in related application Serial Number 10/320,006. On January 27, 2004, the Applicants' representative took up that Action for the purpose of preparing a response. Upon review of the Examiner's arguments and cited art references the representative realized that the references were relevant to the examination of the present application. Therefore, an IDS, together with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) and copies of two journal articles consider relevant were mailed to the Examiner on January 30, 2004.

On January 29, 2004, a Notice of Allowability in the present application was mailed to the office of the Applicants' representative on February 10.

The present action is taken, therefore, in order to allow the Applicants an opportunity to properly discharge their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and to allow sufficient

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